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SUBJECT: BIB/RFE NEGOTIATIONS: MEETING WITH ALEGRE

REF: (A) STATE 299835; (B) LISBON 8364 AND PREVIOUS

1. DCM AND I MET DEC 20 WITH MANUEL ALEGRE, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR MASS COMMUNICATIONS IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, GOP PRINCIPAL FOR BIB/RFE MATTERS. MADE PARALLEL APPROACH OUTLINED IN REFTELS, STRESSING GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT AND DUTY FREE IMPORT OF TRANSMITTERS AND OTHER MAJOR MATERIAL. DCM ALSO REVIEWED WITH ALEGRE BACKGROUND AND FUNCTIONING OF BIB, AND HISTORY OF TALKS SINCE ABSHIRE/ROBERZS VISIT IN MAY 1976.

2. ALEGRE RESPONDED FAVORABLY. SAID HE WAS AWARE OF WORK BEING DONE BY FIGUEIREDO'S STUDY GROUP AND FORESAW NO

PROBLEMS IN RENEGOTIATING REVISED CONTRACT. SAID HE EXPECTED TO BRING MATTER TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IN EARLY JANUARY AND ENVISAGED APPROVAL THERE. ALEGRE ADDED: "WE WANT THIS" AND COMMENTED THAT HE HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED THE CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH PRIME MINISTER MARIO SOARES. DCM REITERATED OUR INTEREST IN SOME FORM OF GOVERNMENTAL ARRANGEMENT, AND ALEGRE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD.

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3. WITH FIGUEIREDO AND ROSA HAVING RETURNED FROM FRG, WE PLAN TO BE IN TOUCH WITH THEM SHORTLY.
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